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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Masao KONISHI

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SHORT FIBERS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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March 11, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, please amend the application as follows: